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1. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL
DECISIONS REGARDING EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN CAME TOO LATE
TO BE REFLECTED IN APRIL 4 TURKISH PRESS, MANY PAPERS RAN
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FRONT-PAGE HEADS TO THE EFFECT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL
ASK CONGRESS TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO, BASING THEIR STORIES
ON NEW YORK TIMES AND/OR ON GREEK CYPRIOT ANNOUNCEMENTS.
MAIN FOCUS OF MOST PRESS COVERAGE, HOWEVER, WAS
ADVERSE REACTION OF GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS UPON BEING IN-
FORMED BY USG THAT LIFTING OF EMBARGO WILL BE SOUGHT.

2. NO REGULAR IDEOLOGICAL SPLIT WAS APPARENT IN WHICH ASPECTS WERE PLAYED UP BY THE VARIOUS DAILIES, ALTHOUGH CONSERVATIVE RIGHT-WING PAPERS GAVE SLIGHTLY MORE PLAY TO GREEK REACTION THAN LEFTIST PRESS. INDEPENDENT, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN SUMMED UP THE MAIN THEMES OF THE PRESS AS A WHOLE WITH FOUR ARTICLES, HEADED "CARTER WILL APPLY TO CONGRESS TOMORROW FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO" (SUBHEAD, "THE GREEK LOBBY IS EXPECTED TO PUT UP A VERY STRONG BATTLE"), "AVEROF: 'THE EMBARGO SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED UNTIL THE TURKS HAVE GIVEN THEIR CYPRUS PROPOSALS'" (SUBHEAD, "GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION PROTESTED TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT"). "FROM THE AMERICAN PRESS (NEW YORK TIMES): 'CARTER HOPES TO MAKE ANKARA'S WORK EASIER'", AND "WHAT DID THE GREEK PRESS SAY? 'CARTER IS STABBING US IN THE BACK*'".

3. TURKISH STATE RADIO MORNING NEWSCAST APRIL 4 REPORTED US ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN DECISIONS, BASING ITEM ON AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE RELEASE.
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